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July 5, 2005

Request to Revisit Appeal

Funding Year 2004-2005

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Office of the Secretary

445 12th Street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

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RE: **CC Docket No. 02-6**

Form 471 Application #417582

Funding Request Number 1149064

Service ordered: Telecommunications Service

Billing account number: 845-561-0436

Appeal Denied due to failure to establish that our provider was eligible

Gentlemen:

I just received a call from the SLD informing me that I should have addressed this appeal to the FCC, rather than to the SLD. My letter was dated well within the 60 day time frame, but I am afraid I now fall outside that date with regard to this letter. The date on the original denial letter from the SLD is March 21, 2005.

I am requesting that the FCC allow me to register this appeal today. I ask that you recheck the ETP status of our service provider, Diversified Telecom Corporation NY. We believe that our service provider is identified in USAC's database, indicating that they met all necessary requirements to be designated an eligible carrier.

Executive Director

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lynne Francis

Development Director

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FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER

(Funding Year 2004: 07/01/2004 • 06/30/2005)

December 3, 2004

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MCQUADE CHILDREN'S SERVICES
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Re: Form 471 Application Number: 417582
Funding Year 2004: 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2005
Billed Entity Number: 13979
Applicant's Form Identifier: MCST

Thank you for your Funding Year 2004 E-rate application and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. Here is the current status of the funding request(s) featured in the Funding Commitment Report at the end of this letter.

- The amount, \$13,608.00 is "Denied."

Please refer to the Funding Commitment Report on the page following this letter for specific funding request decisions and explanations.

The Important Reminders and Deadlines immediately preceding this letter are provided to assist you throughout the application process.

NEXT STEPS

- Review technology planning approval requirements
- Review CIPA Requirements
- File Form 486
- Invoice the SLD using the Form 474 (service providers) or Form 472 (Billed Entity)

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

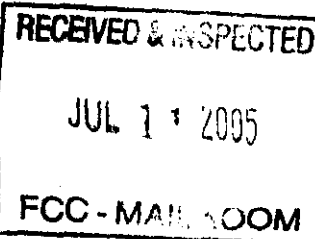
On the pages following this letter, we have provided a Funding Commitment Report for the Form 471 application cited above. The enclosed report includes a list of the Funding Request Number(s) (FRNs) from your application. The SLD is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can be made to begin implementing your E-rate discount(s) after you file your Form 486. Immediately preceding the Funding Commitment Report, you will find a guide that provides a definition for each line of the Report.

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal the decision indicated in this letter, your appeal must be received by the SLD or postmarked withing 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address (if available) for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Identify which Funding Commitment Decision(s) you are appealing. Indicate the relevant funding year and the date of the FCDL. Your letter of appeal must also include the Billed Entity Name, the

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January 10, 2005

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Letter of Appeal

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Funding Year 2004

Billed Entity Number: 13979

Applicant's Form Identifier : MCST

Funding Request Number: 1149064

Services Ordered: Telecommunications Service

Billing Account Number: 845 561 0436

Service Start Date: 07/01/04 Expiration Date: 06/30/05

Funding Commitment Decision: Denied due to "Invalid Telecom Provider"

Dear Appeals Director:

We wish to appeal your decision of December 3, 2004 which denies our funding request for Contract Number MCST2. We had anticipated using the service of a new carrier, Diversified Telecom Corporation, SPIN 143027862. The contract they offered McQuade Children's Services would have been more competitive than the carrier we had been funded to use last year.

Unfortunately, our lines could not be provisioned to their services by Verizon on the Service Start date of 07/01/04. As a new carrier, Diversified Telecom experienced many unexpected delays by Verizon, including a problem with one of Verizon's software vendors, who was to establish a billing interface for Diversified.

Subsequently, we continued to use the telecommunications services of the provider, Manhattan Telecom Corp. dba MetTel, SPIN 143012945. They agreed to maintain our rates from last year, without subjecting our account to any increases, despite the fact that our contract term with them had expired.



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Please advise us if we need to remain with MetTel as our service provider in order to continue to be funded for the rest of this contract period, or if we can be provisioned to Diversified Telecom once they are able to accept our lines. They have advised us that the software vendor issue was resolved, but they still do not feel confident that they can provision our lines due to re-negotiations with Verizon as a result of new FCC rulings that affect resale carriers.

Since they had not yet begun to bill us for services, they did not realize that additional paperwork needed to be filed for their eligible telecommunications provider designation. They will correct this immediately. Since we previously worked with MetTel, however, we do know that they do provide telecommunications service on a common carriage basis and are a valid telecom provider, as per your agency's guidelines.

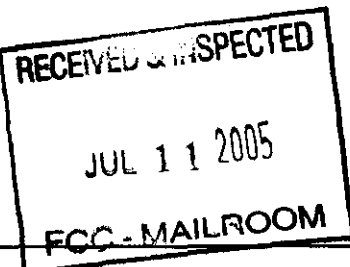
We look forward to your response to our appeal. Either myself, or Ms. Kathie Sage, our Operations Manager, would be most willing to answer any questions or concerns you may have with regard to this appeal. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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March 29, 2005

**Request to Revisit an Administrator's Decision on Appeal
Funding Year 2004-2005**

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Thank you for reconsidering our appeal.

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attached: Original appeal letter of January 10, 2005



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